REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Applicant believes this communication to be fully responsive to all of the issues raised in the 6/29/07 Office Action.

Communication with the Examiner

Applicant's Attorney, Paul Mitchell, discussed the present case with Examiner Sax on 9/24/07. The rejections were discussed. No agreement was reached during these communications. Applicant appreciates Examiner Sax's willingness to discuss the present application and looks forward to allowance of the pending claims.

§ 102 Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1-19, 21-31, and 35-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,495,302 to Abruna (hereinafter, "Abruna").

Applicant respectfully submits that the above referenced rejections are rendered moot by the amendments presented herein.

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§ 103 Rejections

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The Office Action rejects claims 20 and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,495,302 to Abruna (hereinafter, "Abruna").

Applicant respectfully submits that the above referenced rejections are rendered moot by the amendments presented herein.

§ 112 Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 and 30-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Office alleges that the phrase "independent of the user physically engaging the system" is not enabled.

Without conceding the propriety of the stated rejection, and only to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended rejected base claims 1 and 8 so that the claims do not recite the rejected claim language. Further, claims 30-34 are cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the §112 claim rejections.

Conclusion

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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the pending claims. If personal discussion would advance prosecution of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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